

Maunsel White to Andrew Jackson, June 3, 1840, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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New Orleans, June 3, 1840.

My dear Sir, Your very kind letter of 21 may was recd. Yesterday. I feel truly Sorry indeed, that you should have given yourself the slightest uneasiness on the Subject of your Son's draft, and yet when I consider your high sense of Honor and Integrity in comparison with other men who are consider[ed] high, great and Honorable It gives me 0088 64 pleasure, and I feel proud and honored to call you Friend, and be considered as such by you, not because you held the Highest political Rank in the Nation, but because that station has been dignified by the most rigid observance of every Just and Honorable principle that characterises, the dealings and Communications between Man and Man. . . .

I am Glad to learn that your Crop is promising, mine is also, very fine, the River is falling and all fears of an overflow are [at] an end. I am going to devote the most of my time to the Business of the House of Maunsel White and Co. seeing that it increases so fast, indeed my old Friends seemed to require it, during these bad times. We have also given up the old System of accepting Dft. except on cotton immediately shipped to our address, because it was those acceptances and the general custom of giving Credit facilities that brot on the Ruin of the Country, and induced the planters to purchase more Land and negroes than he wanted, and others who had no Capital, to Buy large Estates on Credit, paying a part down, raised on Drafts on Merchants in this City at 12 mos. I hope in three years at most, to place the House of M. White and Co. in a situation, to work for

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themselves without any further aid from me and with plenty of Capital, experience of the past and a good Business. in mean time I have not given up the Idea of paying you a short visit. Pardon the liberties I have taken in this Letter to travel out of the Road of Business. It is intended as a private communication to yourself Only. Wishing you a long continuance of good Health I remain your sincer Frd.